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GOLD MINES REALIZE PROFITS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 55, 20 Mar 49

The "Baleyzoloto" Combine (director, I. Vitkovskiy), Chita Oblast, has fulfilled its pledge to release 7 million rubles of working capital and recently sent this sum to Moscow. In 2 months' time, the combine, including both miners and concentration workers, realized nearly 2 million rubles in returns.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 52, 16 Mar- 49

F. Ufimtsev, director of the "Verkhnamurzoloto" (Upper Amur Gold) Trust reports that the trust has pledged to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 15 days and release 2.5 million rubles to the State. The trust also expects to give the State one million rubles in accumulations above the 1949 plan.

TRANSBAYKAL TIN COMBINES LAG -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 56, 22 Mar 49

Transbaykal tin mines are scheduled to increase considerably tin output in 1949. The Knapcheranga and Sherlovaya Gora mines, in particular, must increase output this year because of liabilities incurred when they failed to complete the 1946 and 1947 plans. Neither of the combines, however, has attained the necessary increase in the first quarter of this year. The Knapcheranga Combine fulfilled the January plan 102 percent but completed only 76 percent of the February plan. The Sherlovaya Gora Combine failed to complete both January and February plans, and its work has been completely unsatisfactory in the first half of March. The directors of the combine made no preparations for fulfillment of the 1949 goal, have not surmounted the great difficulties encountered this year, and are not using production capacity to its fullest extent. Twenty-eight percent of the piece workers are not completing their quotas. The combine must now take all measures necessary to complete the 1949 plan which has been almost doubled over the 1948 plan.

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Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 57, 23 Mar 49

The Etyka Mine Administration, Chita Oblast, recently completed the first quarter plan for tin mining.

FLUOR SPAR MINES BEAT PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 55, 20 Mar 49

On 21 February the Abagytuy Mine (director, N. Burenin), Chita Oblast, completed the first-quarter plan in all main respects. The miners completed the March plan for mining, hauling, and shipping of fluor spar on 18 March.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 58, 25 Mar 49

The Kalanguy Mine, Chita Oblast, has pledged to complete the 6-month plan by 1 May. The mine is consistently exceeding the plan for mining fluor spar in March and has released 560,000 rubles of working capital.

ALTAY PROSPECTORS INCREASE EFFICIENCY -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 33, 18 Feb 49

Geological prospectors of the "Altaysvetmetrazvedka" (Altay Nonferrous Metal Prospecting) Trust have pledged to release 800,000 rubles of working capital and accelerate the turnover of working capital by 24 days in 1949 by adopting high-speed methods of drilling and by introducing detailed mechanization of labor-consuming processes. An additional 1,400,000 rubles of working capital will be released by decreasing supplies of materials and equipment located in the trust's warehouses and geological prospecting groups.

The Nikolayevskaya prospecting group (chief, Groznyy) has started using a mechanical hammer for driving piles, increasing labor productivity four times, and saving as much as 8,000 rubles per month. The group has started construction of a steam-electric power plant to supply power for drilling work in place of gasoline engines which required a great amount of fuel. The electric motors to be used for drilling will increase labor productivity by 25 percent and decrease drilling costs 20 percent.

Andreyev, foreman at the Zolotushinskaya group has designed a mechanical jack for extracting pipes from bore holes which will save 50,000 rubles per month. The trust has considerably exceeded the plan for 1 1/2 months.

IRTYSH COMBINE INCREASES EFFICIENCY -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 35, 20 Feb 49

The Irtysh Polymetallic Combine has pledged to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 10 days and release 3,500,000 rubles of working capital. A plan for refining 20,000 tons of waste polymetallic ores in the Belousovka Concentrating Plant is being developed. The combine is constructing a dryer for concentrates in the winter season, a plan which should release 1,500,000 rubles of working capital.

MINES REPORT PROGRESS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 58, 25 Mar 49

The Zavitskoye Mine Administration, Chita Oblast, completed the month plan on 22 March.

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Bol'shevik Altaya, No 37, 25 Feb 49

I. Pochakuyev, director of the Bukhtarminskiy Mine, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, reports that the mine has exceeded the 2-month plan for mining and processing ore, extraction of metal, mine-preparatory work and geological prospecting. Labor productivity of every miner has increased 13 percent above the plan.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 54, 19 Mar 49

The Zapokrovsko-Gurulevskoye Mine Administration completed the first-year plan on 12 March for gross production, output of concentrate, extension of the mine, and geological prospecting. The administration has pledged to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 12 days and to release 1,600,000 rubles to the State in 1949. The concentrating plant fulfilled the 2-month plan 119 percent, increased the hourly productivity of the plant by 6.4 percent above plan in February, increased the extraction of metal, and decreased production costs 5.4 percent.

The administration has already released 639,000 rubles of working capital by fulfilling the plan for shipping concentrate.

Bol'shevik Altaya, No 33, 18 Feb 49

The Kanayskoye Mine Administration, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, has pledged to release 500,000 rubles of working capital by increasing labor productivity and speeding the turnover of working capital by 10 days. The Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast Office of the State Bank has been notified that the administration expects to deposit the 500,000 rubles for the budget in March and April.

TOPAZ TO BE MINED IN SOUTHERN URALS -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 89, 16 Apr 49

The mining bureau of the "Russkiye Samotavety" (Precious Stones) Trust is organizing mining of rose-colored topaz in Kochkarskiy Rayon, Chelyabinsk Oblast. Topaz as well as rock crystal, violet amethyst, red garnet, and other precious stones are found in the Aleksandrovskaya, Vasil'yevskaya, Proroko-Il'inskaya, and other deposits.

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